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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2004. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and required fee are filed herewith. With the extension of time, this Response is due on or before December 25, 2004. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 502648, Reference No. 15966-585A (Cura-85A).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.